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Notation No.

Minutes of the Council of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC MUNICIPALITY OF BLANC-SABLON

Minutes of the regular municipal council sitting of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon held on June 17th 2025, at the municipal hall in Blanc-Sablon at 7:00 p.m. under the chairmanship of the Mayor, Colin Shattler, and also present to form quorum:

The councillors: Dany Gaudreault
Mitchell Lawless
Johanne V. Beaudoin
Marissa Lavallee

Karine Benoit, General Director of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon, was also present.

OPENING OF THE SITTING

The president of the assembly verified the quorum and declared the sitting opened at 7:01 p.m. after a minute of silence.

READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

WHEREAS the Mayor invited the General Director to read the proposed agenda;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as read.

AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SITTING
2. READING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
3. ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON MAY 20th 2025
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10. SALE OF A 2010 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 TRUCK WITH LIFT GATE
11. MANDATE THE FIRM ENGLOBE TO CARRY OUT A VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS OF DRINKING WATER SOURCES (A, C, 12 AND 13)
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14. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE MINISTÈRE DES
AFFAIRES MUNICIPALES ET DE L'HABITATION WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE PRIMEAU PROGRAM, SOUS-VOLET 1.2 /
CONTINUITY OF THE PIQM PROGRAM - FILE 500960

15. NEW AFFAIRS

16. QUESTION PERIOD

17. CLOSING OF THE SITTING

2025-067

**ADOPTION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MINUTES OF THE SITTING HELD ON
MAY 20TH 2025**

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and
unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes of the sitting held on May 20th 2025 with
exemption of reading.

2025-068

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE CHEQUES ISSUED AND THE NON-
REDUCIBLE EXPENSES PAID DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025**

It is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and
unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the list of cheques issued and the non-
reducible expenses paid during the month of May 2025 in the respective amount of
\$ 163 319.03 for general administration and \$ 26 084.44 for the payroll.

2025-069

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE PAYABLE ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH
OF MAY 2025**

It is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and
unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the payable accounts for the month of
May 2025 in the amount of \$ 12 953.77.

2025-070

**DEPOSIT AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGETARY REPORTS, TRANSFERS,
AND CREDIT COMMITMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE 2025**

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and
unanimously resolved to deposit and adopt the budgetary reports, transfers, and
credit commitments for the months of May and June 2025 in the respective amounts
of \$ 176 229.29 and \$ 243 669.00.

DEPOSIT OF THE TAX ARREARS REPORT AS OF MAY 31ST 2025

The General Director deposited and commented on the tax arrears report as of May
31st 2025 as \$ 908 716.03.

2025-071

**STATUS OF THE TADOUSSAC - BAIE-SAINTE-CATHERINE FERRY SERVICE
- DENUNCIATION**

WHEREAS the Société des traversiers du Québec (STQ) has announced that
the Tadoussac - Baie-Sainte-Catherine ferry will operate with a
single vessel as of April 8, for a planned duration of five weeks;

WHEREAS the ferry service was completely interrupted in both directions on
April 11, 2025, depriving the North Shore of its main access link;

WHEREAS accessibility and transportation issues on the North Shore are
major;

WHEREAS these transportation issues have major socio-economic
repercussions, among others, on the isolation of communities
throughout the Côte-Nord, on access to services outside the region,
on local businesses and tourism, resulting in significant economic
losses;



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WHEREAS this type of situation, with its impact on service quality, is unacceptable and has been going on for far too many years;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Marissa Lavallee** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon denounces the state of the Tadoussac - Baie-Sainte-Catherine ferry service;

THAT it ask the Quebec government to take the necessary measures to maintain a continuous quality service, respecting the schedule in all circumstances, and to quickly make other ships available in the event of breakdowns, interruptions or work;

THAT it request an official meeting with representatives of the Société des traversiers du Québec;

THAT this resolution be transmitted to:

- Mr. François Legault, Premier of Québec;
- Ms. Geneviève Guilbault, Minister of Transport and Sustainable Mobility;
- Ms. Kateri Champagne Jourdain, MNA for Duplessis and Minister responsible for the Côte-Nord region;
- Mr. Yves Montigny, MNA for René-Lévesque;
- Pascal Tessier-Fleury, Chairman of the Board, Société des traversiers du Québec;
- Madame Gréta Bédard, President and CEO of Société des traversiers du Québec;
- Mr. Guillaume Tremblay, President of the Coalition Union 138;

THAT it request the support of the MRCs and municipalities of the Côte-Nord region, as well as the MRC of Charlevoix-Est and its municipalities.

DENUNCIATION TO THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE LACK OF FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS INTENDED FOR MUNICIPALITIES DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

WHEREAS several Quebec government programs for municipalities are not indexed, despite the current economic situation;

WHEREAS this has a direct impact on taxpayers' overall tax burden, as well as on municipalities' financial capacities, since they must deal with a significant increase in costs to carry out projects and maintain services to the population;

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for drawing up balanced budgets, which must take into account their citizens' ability to pay;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec must act to regularize the situation, in particular by restoring funding for municipalities to an acceptable level, given the current economic situation;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved:



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THAT the Council ask the Government of Quebec to regularize the funding of programs intended for municipalities, in particular by providing adequate funding, taking into account inflation and the changes they are undergoing;

THAT the Council ask the Director General to forward a copy of the present resolution to the Premier of Quebec, Mr. François Legault, as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mrs. Andrée Laforest, and to the MNA for our territory, Mrs. Kateri Champagne Jourdain.

2025-073

SALE OF A 2010 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 TRUCK WITH LIFT GATE

WHEREAS the above-mentioned vehicle was put on public auction on May 13th, 2025;

WHEREAS this auction sale was conducted in accordance with the established rules and procedures;

WHEREAS the Municipality received two bids:
- Eric Osborne in the amount of \$ 301.51
- Daryl Hobbs for \$ 551.00;

WHEREAS the highest bid was five hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$ 551.00) taxes included;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Johanne V. Beaudoin** and unanimously resolved to mandate Karine Benoit, Director General, to proceed with the sale and transfer of the vehicle and:

THAT the sale of the above-mentioned vehicle be officially confirmed to the highest bidder, being:

Buyer's name: Daryl Hobbs
Address: 170, blv. Dr. Camille Marcoux
Telephone number: (581) 620-9405

THAT the final sale price be five hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$ 551.00) taxes included, the sale is final and without warranty ("as is, where is"), no refunds will be given and the purchaser has had the opportunity to inspect the vehicle prior to the auction;

THAT the buyer agrees to:

Make full payment on the day following the sale and take possession of the vehicle within one day of full payment and assume all transfer of ownership fees;

THAT the seller undertakes to:

Provide all necessary ownership documents, return the vehicle to the condition it was in at the time of the auction, and facilitate the legal transfer of ownership.

2025-074

MANDATE THE FIRM ENGLOBE TO CARRY OUT A VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS OF DRINKING WATER SOURCES (A, C, 12 AND 13)

WHEREAS the service offer is below the contractual management regulation threshold;

WHEREAS the service offer meets our expectations;



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CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Dany Gaudreault**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and resolved unanimously to mandate the firm Englobe to carry out a vulnerability analysis of drinking water sources (A, C, 12 and 13) under the "Règlement sur le prélèvement des eaux et leur protection" (RPEP) in accordance with MELCCFP standards, in the amount of \$ 22,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

CALL FOR TENDERS FOR THE SNOW CLEARING CONTRACT

WHEREAS the snow clearing contract expires in the month of November 2025;

WHEREAS the Municipality decided to go back for tenders for a period of 1 year with an option to renew for one year.

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Johanne V. Beaudoin**, seconded by **Mitchell Lawless** and unanimously resolved to authorize the Director General to proceed with the posting of the call for tenders with the option listed above.

2025-076

NOMINATION OF AN ACTING MAYOR

It is proposed **Marissa Lavallee**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to mandate the councillor **Johanne V. Beaudoin** as Acting Mayor for the months of July, August, September, and October 2025.

2025-077

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES MUNICIPALES ET DE L'HABITATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRIMEAU PROGRAM, SOUS-VOLET 1.2 / CONTINUITY OF THE PIQM PROGRAM - FILE 500960

WHEREAS the Municipality has familiarized itself with the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program guide, fully understands all the terms and conditions of the program that apply to it or its project, and has obtained any information it may require from the Ministère;

WHEREAS the Municipality must comply with the terms and conditions of this guide in order to obtain and receive financial assistance under the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program;

WHEREAS the Municipality has applied to the Ministère des affaires municipales et de l'habitation for a continuation of the PIQM program - file 500960 for preparatory work on the characterization of drinking water;

CONSEQUENTLY, it is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved:

THAT the Municipality agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the guide that apply to it;

THAT the Municipality assumes full responsibility for the work and any modifications that may be made to it. As such, it is liable for any damage caused by its employees, agents, representatives, subcontractors or by itself, including damage resulting from a breach of an obligation under any contract entered into by the Municipality for the performance of the work;



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THAT the Municipality undertakes to carry out the work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program and to assume all responsibilities applicable to it in connection with the carrying out and financing of this work;

THAT the Municipality agrees to pay its share of eligible costs and ongoing operating costs;

THAT the Municipality undertakes to assume all expenses incurred if it fails to meet the deadlines set out in the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program;

THAT the Municipality agrees to assume all costs associated with its project that are not eligible under the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program, including all directives for eligible changes up to 50% of their cost and any cost overruns;

THAT the Municipal Council authorize the submission of an application for financial assistance under the PRIMEAU 2023-2033 program and a continuation of the PIQM program - file 500960 for preparatory work on the characterization of drinking water.

NEW AFFAIRS

There were no new affairs.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were a variety of questions of different topics.

CLOSING OF THE SITTING

It is proposed by **Mitchell Lawless**, seconded by **Dany Gaudreault** and unanimously resolved to close the present sitting at 7:53 p.m.

Colin Shattler, Mayor

Karine Benoit, General Director

2025-078